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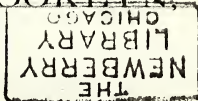


## MANUAL

OF THE

Central Congregational Church,

(CORNER OF ORMOND PLACE &amp; JEFFERSON ST.),

CITY OF BROOKLYN, N. Y.No. 3.

COMPILED  
BY ORDER OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.  
1867.



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## History of the Church.

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THE church edifice in Ormond Place, now occupied by this Society, was erected in the year 1853, by Mr. R. L. Crook, with the intention of disposing of it, at a reduction from its cost, to such Protestant religious association as should seem to embrace a majority of the surrounding population, and manifest sufficient interest to render the permanency of their organization probable.

In February, 1854, several gentlemen, residing in the neighborhood, rented the building from Mr. Crook for two years, commencing May 1st, 1854.

The Rev. Henry W. Parker was engaged to supply the pulpit, and on the second Sabbath in April the house was opened for public worship.

An ecclesiastical society was formed under the style of "The Central Congregational Society of Brooklyn," and on the 27th November, 1854, a church of thirty members was organized by a council of pastors and delegates from the Congregational churches of Brooklyn and vicinity.

On the expiration of the lease, strenuous efforts were made to raise the amount necessary for the purchase of the edifice, which for a time were unsuccessful; and the



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Society was compelled to vacate the building, and temporarily worshipped in the Mission School House, in Van Buren Street, the use of which was kindly tendered by its Trustees.

At length, however, being largely aided by the Plymouth Church, and the Church of the Pilgrims, the Society was enabled to effect the purchase of the property, and on Sabbath, 16th November, 1856, the house was reopened for the public worship of Almighty God.

The Rev. Mr. Parker having removed to another field of labor, the pulpit was occupied by various clergymen, as temporary supplies, until the Rev. J. Clement French, having accepted the unanimous call of the Church and Society, was ordained and installed as Pastor on the 5th of March, 1857.

In 1863, the church was closed for three months, during which time it was thoroughly renovated and improved both within and without, and a new organ placed in the gallery, all at a cost of about six thousand dollars.

Two years later, the house and lot, No. 13 Ormond Place, adjoining the church, were purchased for a parsonage.

During May, 1867, the building was again closed for three weeks for the addition of galleries, affording accommodations for one hundred and seventy-five persons, and greatly increasing both the value and the beauty of the edifice. A few months later, the basement of the building was extensively improved at a cost of several thousand dollars.



## Officers of the Church.

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### PASTOR:

Rev. JUSTUS CLEMENT FRENCH.

### DEACONS:

ANDREW VAN TUYL..... } *Term of Office expires,*  
ASA PARKER..... } *April, 1868.*

EDWARD P. TAYLOR..... } *Term of Office expires,*  
FREDERICK A. BROWN..... } *April, 1869.*

### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

SETH B. COLE..... } *Term of Office expires,*  
DAVID NEEFUS..... } *May, 1868.*

HENRY GRIFFIN ..... } *Term of Office expires,*  
RALZIE J. FULLER..... } *May, 1869.*

### CLERK AND TREASURER:

JAMES H. PRATT.



# Standing Rules.

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## I.

### PRINCIPLES OR RIGHTS OF THE CHURCH.

THIS Church receives the Scriptures as the only infallible guide in matters of church order and discipline; and is therefore independent, and amenable to no other ecclesiastical body.

## II.

### CONNECTION WITH OTHER CHURCHES.

This Church will extend to other evangelical churches, and receive from them, that fellowship, advice, and assistance, which the laws of Christ require.

## III.

### OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

The officers of this Church shall be a Pastor, four or more Deacons, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and a Prudential Committee.

## IV.

### DEACONS.

It shall be the duty of the Deacons to assist in the administration of the Lord's Supper, to distribute the charities of the Church, to provide for the supply of the pulpit when necessary, and to aid the Pastor generally, in the spiritual care of the Church. Two or more Deacons shall be elected every year. They shall hold their office for two years, and shall be ineligible





for re-election for one year after the expiration of their terms of office.

## V.

### CLERK.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a Record, containing Minutes of the doings of the Church, as well as the Covenant, Confession of Faith, Form of Admission and Standing Rules, a Chronological List of Members, with time of their admission, dismissal, or death (as far as he can ascertain the same); also, a Record of all Baptisms.

## VI.

### TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all contributions made for the use of the Church, disburse the same on the order of the Deacons, and render an account at the Annual Meeting.

## VII.

### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The Prudential Committee shall consist of the Pastor, Deacons, and four brethren—two of whom shall be elected annually, and shall hold their office for two years. They shall have a general oversight of the interests of the Church, examine all applicants for admission, and report to the Church the names of such as they deem suitable candidates; and at each Annual Meeting they shall present a report of the condition of the Church and its history during the previous year.

## VIII.

### BUSINESS MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Monday in April of each year, when the stated officers shall be elected



by ballot, without public nomination; the Reports of the Prudential Committee and Treasurer shall be presented, and the catalogue of members revised. A regular Business Meeting shall also be held on some evening during the week previous to each Communion Sabbath. The Pastor shall preside over all Business Meetings of the Church when present.

## IX.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETINGS.

Special meetings for business shall be called by the Clerk, the Deacons, or the Pastor, on the request of seven members.

## X.

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Notice shall be given from the pulpit on the Sabbath previous to any Business Meeting.

## XI.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of this Church, other than those of the Sabbath, shall be a Prayer Meeting on Friday evening, unless otherwise notified from the pulpit, by direction of the Prudential Committee.

## XII.

## THE COMMUNION.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the first Sabbath in January, March, May, July, and November, and on the third Sabbath in September, unless otherwise ordered, for special reasons, by the Prudential Committee.

## XIII.

## ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Applicants for admission to membership on profession of their faith, shall be examined by the Prudential Committee, before



such members of the Church as desire to be present; and applicants by letter from other churches, shall submit their testimonials to the same Committee. The names of such as are approved shall be propounded from the pulpit, at least one week before the Communion. They shall become members by a vote of the Church; and those admitted on profession, shall, at the Communion service, publicly assent to the confession of faith and covenant, and receive the Sacrament of Baptism—if they have not been previously baptized—and, together with those admitted by letter, publicly enter into covenant with this Church.

#### XIV.

##### DISMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Members, on removing, shall ask for letters of dismission and recommendation. Such requests may be announced at any regular meeting of the Church, and if at the end of one week no objection has been made, such letters shall be issued, signed by the Clerk or Pastor, and shall purport to be valid for one year only from the date thereof; and letters shall not be granted to persons who have delayed applying for them for more than one year after their removal from us, unless by a vote of the Church, after satisfactory reasons shall be assigned for such delay.

#### XV.

##### OFFENCES.

A member having cause of complaint against another, should immediately seek to have it removed in a Christian manner, according to the directions given by our Lord, in Matthew xviii, 15-17. If unsuccessful, the complaint shall in all cases be first made to the Prudential Committee, who shall, on sufficient cause, prefer charges before the Church at a business meeting, and in case the Committee omit to do so, the complainant may present his complaint in person to the Church. When a member is accused, he shall be seasonably furnished by the Clerk with a copy of the charges, and shall have a full hearing.



## XVI.

## PENALTIES.

Any member of the Church who shall have been proceeded with according to the rules of discipline, and shall fail to render any satisfaction to the Church, may be visited with penalty, according to the nature and degree of the offence, which penalty may take the form of reproof, suspension, or public excommunication from the Church.

## XVII.

## VACANCIES.

Official vacancies, occurring between the Annual Meetings, may be filled at any regular Business Meeting, notice having been given from the pulpit on the previous Sabbath.

## XVIII.

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

A contribution shall be made at every Communion service, and the funds thus obtained shall be used in assisting necessitous members, and for such other purposes as the Deacons shall direct.

## XIX.

## RESOLUTIONS.

No resolution shall be adopted at the same meeting at which it is offered, if objection be made thereto; but it shall be reduced to writing by the mover and referred to the next meeting, unless the objection be overruled by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

## XX.

## ALTERATIONS.

The Confession of Faith, Covenant, Form of Admission and Standing Rules shall not be altered, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting; a written notice, containing the substance of such alteration, having been given at a previous meeting.





## Form of Admission.

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ON PROFESSION OF FAITH, AND BY LETTERS FROM  
OTHER CHURCHES.

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*Those to be admitted upon Profession of Faith, will present themselves before the Communion Table as the Pastor calls their names.]*

[The Pastor then addresses them as follows:]

BELOVED FRIENDS,—You have presented yourselves in this public manner before God to dedicate yourselves to His service, and unite yourselves with His avowed people. The vows which you have made in secret, you are now to repeat and ratify before these witnesses; before that great cloud of unseen spirits who have rejoiced over your repentance; before your Saviour, who died for you; before the Omniscient Eye, which “searcheth the heart and trieth the reins of the children of men.”

The act is solemn, and to be attended with eternal consequences. Your vows will be recorded in Heaven, and will be known to all men at the judgment of the final day. Yet the truths to which you now assent, and the purposes you now declare, may be your rejoicing *now*, if you are truly Christ's, and in the day when He makes up His jewels.



Attend now to the

### CONFESSION OF FAITH.

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

We believe that these Scriptures teach that there is one only living and true God, subsisting in Three Divine Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one God, who is a spirit, absolute, personal, holy; in His Being and attributes infinite and eternal; the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe.

We believe that by consequence of the apostasy of our first parents, sin and misery have been introduced into the world, and that all men are destitute of holiness until renewed by the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God, in infinite mercy, gave His Son in the flesh to die for the sins of the world, and thus an atonement has been made, sufficient for the redemption of all mankind; that pardon and eternal life are offered to all, only on condition of repentance of sin, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the renewal of the heart is by the special agency of the Holy Spirit; that God, of His own free grace, is willing to give the Spirit to them that ask Him, and that all those who are thus renewed are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

We believe that Jesus Christ has established in this world a visible Church, the terms of whose membership are, a public profession of faith in Christ, sustained by credible evidence; that its divinely appointed sacraments are Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that the



subjects of Baptism are believers, and their children ; and that none but those who are members of Christ by a living faith have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

We believe that there will be Resurrection of all the dead, and a final judgment before Jesus Christ, when the wicked "shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."

*Do you (severally) assent to this summary of Faith ?*

[Those admitted by letter will here rise.]

### COVENANT.

*You will now enter in'to public covenant with God.*

You do now avouch the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be your God. You receive the Father as your Father, Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and the Holy Ghost as your Sanctifier and Comforter.

You do now renounce all sin, and consecrate yourself, (yourselves,) soul and body, for time and for eternity, unto God.

[Here the ordinance of Baptism to be administered. The Pastor resuming :—]

*And now you thus covenant with this Church :* You do receive God's Word, with us, as your rule of life ; you receive these brethren in Christ as your brethren ; you promise to study the peace and purity of this Church, to labor together with us to maintain its public worship and ordinances, to submit to all necessary discipline so long as, in the Providence of God, you shall continue among us ; and if you remove your residence, and cease to worship statedly with us, to seek dismissal and recommendation to another church of Christ,



remembering that you can never withdraw from the watch and communion of the saints so long as God grants you life.

*Do you assent to this covenant ?*

We, then, the members of this church, [*here all the members of the Church will rise,*] do most affectionately receive you to our communion ; we welcome you from this hour as our brethren in Christ ; we welcome you to fellowship in our worship ; we welcome you to our places of prayer ; we break with you this Bread of Life ; we drink with you this Cup of Blessing ; we rely upon your aid in the work of our Master ; we ask your sympathies and prayers, and we cordially offer you ours.

We promise, so far as in us lies, to seek your growth in grace and in knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, your continued experience of Christian peace and joy, and your perfect meetness for the "inheritance of the saints in light."

"And now, beloved, the Lord bless you and keep you ; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you ; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. 'Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy ; to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.'"





## Form for the Recognition of Deacons.

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*The Pastor requests the newly elected Deacons to present themselves before the Communion Table. Then, descending from the platform, and taking the Bible he may say:*

Hear now the Scriptural warrant for the appointment of Deacons to a place among the spiritual guardians of the Church.

(Here read Acts vi., 1-8, inclusive; when, resuming, he may say—or in effect—as follows)

Dear Brethren: In accordance with this Scriptural sanction, this Church has appointed you as Deacons, believing in your competence and willingness to discharge the obligations of the office with fidelity and zeal. Your duties are not onerous, but they are sacred. They are explicitly named in the Manual of our Church, as follows:

“To assist in the administration of the Lord’s Supper; to distribute the charities of the Church; to provide for the supply of the pulpit, when necessary; and to aid the Pastor generally in the spiritual care of the Church.”

By virtue of your office, also, you are members of the Prudential Committee. It is expected that you will attend, whenever possible, its meetings, and engage heartily in its work. It is hoped and believed that you will magnify your office by being men of faith, prayer, and labor.

As we behold our Heavenly Master, who said, “My



Father worketh hitherto, and I work," so let us all be able to say, "We then are workers together with Him."

*Do you accept these obligations ?*

It is now my delightful duty to publicly recognize you as Deacons, according to the will of this Church and the warrant of the Word of God, and in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to extend to you the right hand of fellowship and consecration.

(Then the Pastor, advancing to each, takes him by the right hand, repeating to each the words):

We thus publicly and solemnly set you apart to the office of Deacon in this Church, and may grace, mercy, and peace remain ever with you.

Following with a brief prayer.)



## Form for the Baptism of Children.

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Parents presenting children for Baptism should be ready at the opening of the morning service, as the rite is administered immediately after the invocation and the reading of a few verses of Scripture.

You, who now present your child (children) to receive the rite of Baptism, profess yourselves believers in God and his Son, and in the verity and continuance of His promise to His children to be a Father to them, and to their seed after them. You covenant, on your part, in the presence of God and of these witnesses to train this child (these children), whom God has given you, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to instruct him (her, or them) in the knowledge of divine truth, as you may have opportunity, but especially in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ; to walk before them daily, as God may give you grace, in the cheerful and holy beauty of the Christian life; to seek, as your chief end concerning them, their renewal of heart and their salvation in the Redeemer, and to labor in all ways and prayerful endeavor to prepare them to accomplish God's will on earth, and to enter His rest and glory in the skies.

*Do you thus engage?*

Then the ordinance of Baptism may be appropriately and profitably administered.

(The stated Sabbath for the presentation of children for Baptism is that which follows next to each Communion. If either parent is a professing Christian, the children may receive the ordinance.)



## The Lord's Supper.

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The Sacrament is administered upon the morning of the first Sabbath of January, March, May, July, November, and on the morning of the *third* Sabbath in September.

It is expected that every Church Member, not providentially detained, will be present at the ordinance.

All fellow Christians, in good standing, are always welcomed to participation with us in this celebration.

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## Removals.

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Membership of the Church can be terminated only by death or the regular process of discipline.

No person's name can be stricken from the Roll for the purpose of releasing him from his covenant obligations, but Members may be transferred from one church to another by asking for a letter and presenting the usual certificate of good and regular standing. It is, therefore, the duty of any Member who has permanently removed his residence, or lives at so great a distance as to prevent regular attendance upon this Communion, to transfer his relation to some Church which he can attend, being subject, however, until such transference is made, to the discipline of this Church.





# Services in the Central Congregational Church, with their Time.

## SABBATH SERVICES.

Morning Service.....	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, A.M.		
Evening Service, from 1st Sabbath in September to 1st Sabbath in May.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P.M.		
Evening Service, from 1st Sabbath in May to 1st Sabbath in September.....	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"
Sabbath School Session.....	3	"	"
Sabbath School Mission Association Meeting, last Sabbath of each month.....	3	"	"

## WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

Preparatory Lecture, Friday Evening preceding each Communion.....	8	"	"
Prayer Meetings, Tuesday and Friday Evenings, (except Preparatory Lecture).....	8	"	"
Monthly Concert, 1st Monday Evening each month.....	8	"	"
During Monthly Concert Weeks the Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting is omitted.)			
Children's Meeting, 2d Thursday Evening each month.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"
Week of Prayer, week succeeding 1st Sabbath in January.			



## List of Benevolent Contributions.

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For the American Board of Com. for Foreign Missions,  
First Sabbath Evening of each Month.

For the American Bible Society,  
Second Sabbath in February.

For the American Tract Society,  
Second Sabbath in April.

For the Sabbath School Cause,  
Second Sabbath in June.

For the Seamen's Friend Society,  
Second Sabbath in August.

For the American and Foreign Christian Union,  
Second Sabbath in October.

For the Home Missionary Society,  
Second Sabbath in December.

For the Poor,  
Every Communion Sabbath.

For any object decided by the Benevolence Committee,  
Thanksgiving Day.



## Requests and Suggestions.

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The Pastor particularly requests the earliest information upon the following points:

1. Any case of sickness or need, in which his presence may be desired.

2. The death of any Church Member, with the date, full name of the person, and any facts of interest connected therewith.

3. He would suggest that, in arranging for funerals, he should be consulted before the *hour* is appointed.

4. That parents offering their children for Baptism should write the name, or names, in full, and hand them to him previous to the Baptismal Sabbath.

5. That interviews with him should be sought, as far as possible, in the *afternoon* hours, and never, unless most pressing in importance, upon the Sabbath.



# Roll of the Church, from its Organization to November, 1867.

## EXPLANATIONS.

1. The names are arranged alphabetically. The letter P denotes those admitted by Profession; C, those by Certificate.
2. The month and year of admission are also stated.
3. A star (\*) appended to a name signifies *deceased*. An obelisk (†), denotes dismissal to another Church; if double (‡), it denotes suspension. Husbands and wives names are in parenthesis ( ).

## A.

P... May, 1858... Abbot, Thomas W.  
 P... " " .. Abbot, Helen T. (Thomas W.)  
 C... July, 1862... Adams, Martha  
 C... " " .. Adams, William  
 C... " 1865... Adams, Robert\* 1866.  
 P... Mar., 1866... Adams, Tilly  
 P... May, 1866... Aechemacht, Henry A.  
 P... " " .. Aechemacht, Mary J. (Henry A.)  
 C... July, 1863... Anderson, Henry S.

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C... May, 1860... Badger, Elizabeth† 1866.  
 P... Mar., 1866... Baker, J. Comstock  
 P... Jan., 1864... Baker, Emma Linda† 1867.  
 C... Nov., 1854... Bailey, John T.  
 C... " " .. Bailey, Catharine K. (John T.)  
 C... Mar., 1865... Bailey, Benjamin F.  
 C... " " .. Bailey, Mary (Benjamin F.)  
 P... May, 1866... Bailey, Ella Hamilton  
 P... " 1864... Bailey, Sarah Anne





- C... Mar., 1855.. Barton, Mary M.  
 C... " " .. Barton, Augusta L.  
 P... " " .. Barton, Benjamin G.\* 1862.  
 P... Sept., 1865 .. Barstow, Marie L.  
 C... July, 1855.. Bates, Edward S.\* 1865.  
 C... " " .. Bates, Mary E. (Edward S.)† 1867.  
 P... " 1857.. Bates, Phebe R.† 1867.  
 C... Nov., 1854.. Baylis, Catharine\* 1863.  
 P... July, 1864.. Bedell, James W.  
 C... May, 1859.. Bell, William H.  
 C... " " .. Bell, Frances A. (William H.)  
 P... " 1863.. Bell, Warren P.  
 P... July, 1869.. Bell, Hannah Amelia  
 C... Mar., 1863.. Bennet, David S. B.  
 C... " " .. Bennet, Catharine A. (David S. B.)  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Bennet, Eva L.  
 P... May, 1866.. Bennet, Emily B. K.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Bennet, Jenny W.  
 C... Jan., 1866.. Bird, Dr. James R.  
 C... " " .. Bird, Maria L. (Dr. James R.)  
 C... Mar., 1859.. Blecker, Eliza D.† 1866.  
 P... Nov., 1865.. Blecker, Kate Ellison (Mrs. H. C. Fuller.)  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Bonto, Samuel R.† 1866.  
 C... Nov., 1851.. Boorum, Cornelius  
 C... " " .. Boorum, Catharine L. (Cornelius)† 1866.  
 C... " " .. Boorum, Phebe Ann\* 1860.  
 C... " " .. Boorum, Ellen† 1866.  
 C... " 1864.. Boorum, Gertrude O.† 1866.  
 C... Mar., 1857.. Boorum, Emma† 1859.  
 P... Mar., 1858.. Boorum, William L.† 1862.  
 P... May, " .. Boorum, Catharine† 1866.  
 P... " " .. Boorum, Martha† 1866.  
 C... July, 1866.. Bowie, Elizabeth  
 P... May, 1867.. Bowie, Isabella H.  
 P... Mar., 1858.. Boyd, Elizabeth R.  
 C... Nov., 1864.. Boyer, Harriet† 1866.  
 C... " " .. Brainard, A.  
 P... " " .. Brainard, Rebecca (A.)  
 C... Mar., 1858.. Bray, Esther P. (wife of Rev. J. Bray)\* 1866.  
 P... May, " .. Bray, Edward P.  
 P... " " .. Bray, Susan A. (Edward P.)  
 C... Mar., 1857.. Brown, George J.\* 1864.  
 C... " " .. Brown, Julia (George J.)  
 P... " " .. Brown, George W.  
 C... Mar., 1862.. Brown, Charles E.  
 C... " " .. Brown, Jane M. (Charles E.)  
 C... May, 1863.. Brown, Julia  
 C... " 1866.. Brown, Frederick A.  
 P... " " .. Brown, Emily Maria (Frederick A.)



P... May, 1866.. Brown, Emily Frances  
 P... Mar., " .. Brown, Elvin J.  
 C... " 1867.. Brown, John Clay  
 C... " " .. Brown, Sarah (John C.)  
 C... Jan., 1863.. Brownell, Francis C.  
 ✓ C... " " .. Brownell, Mary (Francis C.)  
 C... July, 1867.. Buell, Mrs. Jane  
 C... May, 1862.. Buell, Hannah  
 C... Mar., 1855.. Burton, Catharine

## C.

C... Sept., 1867,.. Carlton, Cyrus  
 C... " " .. Carlton, Eliza D. (Cyrus)  
 C... July, 1866.. Carpenter, James W.  
 C... " " .. Carpenter, Mary B. (James W.)  
 C... " 1855.. Case, Jane† 1862.  
 C... Nov., 1857.. Childs, Benjamin F.† 1857.  
 C... Mar., 1862.. Church, Simeon E.  
 P... May, 1859.. Clarendon, Margaret A.  
 P... " 1858.. Clark, William H.  
 P... " " .. Clark, Elizabeth (William H.)\* 1864.  
 C... " 1866.. Clark, Charles S.  
 C... " " .. Clark, Elizabeth S. (Charles S.)  
 C... Jan., 1862.. Clement, Mary T.  
 P... " 1864.. Clement, Marion  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Clement, Florence  
 C... Sept., 1865.. Coddington, Eliza Ann  
 P... May, 1866.. Coggeshall, George B.  
 C... July, 1857.. Cole, Seth B.  
 C... " " .. Cole, Annie E. (Seth B.)  
 P... Nov., 1865.. Cole, Edward H.  
 C... Sept., 1862.. Colton, Francis E.  
 C... " " .. Colton, Sarah E. (Francis E.)  
 P... May, 1866.. Conkling, Edwin  
 P... " " .. Conkling, Sarah T. (Edwin.)  
 C... Nov., 1863.. Cook, John F.  
 C... " " .. Cook, Margaret A. (John F.)  
 C... " " .. Cook, Catharine (Benjamin.)  
 C... May, 1866.. Cory, William  
 C... " " .. Cory, Phebe L. (William.)  
 P... " " .. Cory, Caroline S.  
 P... " " .. Cory, Mary Ella  
 P... " " .. Cory, Helen Cornelia  
 P... " " .. Cory, Edwin F.  
 P... " 1864.. Courtney, Margaret  
 C... Mar., 1865.. Crampton, Levi H.  
 C... " " .. Crampton, Cecilia (Levi H.)  
 C... " " .. Crampton, Lizzie D.  
 P... Jan., 1866.. Crampton, Emily  
 P... Mar., " .. Crombie, James



P... May, 1866.. Crocker, Ann Maria  
 C... Jan., 1855.. Crook, Mrs. R. L.  
 C... " 1867.. Crump, Catharine  
 C... Nov., 1865.. Cunningham, Helena A. (Jesse.)  
 C... " 1854.. Cutter, William T.† 1860  
 C... " " .. Cutter, Frances M. (William T.)† 1869.  
 P... May, 1858.. Cutter, James B.† 1865.  
 P... " " .. Cutter, Elizabeth T.

## D.

P... Mar., 1858.. Davis, Sarah M.† 1861.  
 P... July, 1864.. Davis, John W.  
 P... " " .. Davis, Clarinda B. (John W.)  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Deneke, Augusta  
 C... Jan., 1855.. Dickinson, Hanson E.† 1863.  
 C... " " .. Dickinson, Julia A. (Hanson E.)† 1863.  
 C... " 1867.. Dickinson, William G.  
 C... " " .. Dickinson, Sarah (William G.)  
 P... May, 1866.. Dike, William H.  
 C... Sept., 1862.. Dike, Amelia F. (William H.)  
 C... " 1865.. Dunn, Mary E. (D. Thompson.)

## E.

C... July, 1866.. Edgerton, Oliver P.  
 C... " " .. Edgerton, Julia W. (Oliver P.)  
 C... Mar., 1862.. Edwards, David  
 C... " " .. Edwards, Mary E. (David.)  
 P... " 1866.. Edwards, Lizzie R.  
 C... July, 1863.. Emmons, Ann C.  
 C... May, " .. Emmons, Sarah  
 P... " " .. Emmons, John D. Jr.,  
 P... " " .. Emmons, Abram S.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Emmons, Ebenezer S.

## F.

C... Sept., 1867.. Fisk, William  
 C... " " .. Fisk, Nancy (William)  
 C... Mar., 1867.. Follett, Olivia  
 C... Jan., " .. Foster, Mary J.  
 C... May, 1865.. Fowler, Arabella S.  
 P... Nov., " .. Fowler, Isabella S.  
 C... July, 1857.. French, Mary A. (J. Clement.)  
 C... Jan., 1859.. Fry, Henry B.\* 1860.  
 P... May, 1867.. Fuller, Joseph C.  
 P... " " .. Fuller, Eliza T. (Joseph C.)  
 C... Jan., 1862.. Fuller, Henry C.



P... May, 1866.. Fuller, Emma M.  
 C... July, 1866.. Fuller, Ralzie J.  
 C... " " .. Fuller, Belle (Ralzie J.)

## G.

C... Nov., 1864.. Germaine, William  
 C... May, 1858.. Gibson, Susan† 1860.  
 C... July, 1863.. Graves, C. C.  
 C... Nov., 1866.. Graves, Elmina H. (C. C.)  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Graves, George W.  
 C... Sept., 1865.. Gregg, William T.  
 C... " " .. Gregg, Betsey (William T.)  
 C... " " .. Gregg, Eva L.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Gregg, William T., Jr.  
 P... " " .. Gregg, Kate M.  
 C... " 1863.. Gregory, Sophia C.  
 C... " " .. Gregory, Hattie A.  
 C... " " .. Gregory, Fanny S.  
 C... " 1864.. Gregory, Margaret† 1867.  
 P... " 1866.. Griffin, Henry  
 C... " 1860.. Griffin, Sarah (Henry.)  
 P... Sept., 1866.. Griffin, Julia  
 P... Nov., 1865.. Griswold, E. Denison.  
 P... " " .. Griswold, Sarah (E. Denison)\* 1866.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Griswold, Myra† 1866.  
 P... May, 1865.. Groves, Thomas  
 P... " " .. Groves, Isabella (Thomas.)  
 C... Nov., 1864.. Gustin, Eleanor R.

## H.

C... May, 1862.. Hallock, William H.  
 C... " " .. Hallock, Julia M. (William H.)  
 P... Jan., 1864.. Hallock, Clara  
 P... Mar., 1865.. Hallock, Martha T.  
 C... Nov., 1856.. Halsey, William† 1857.  
 C... " " .. Halsey, Mary Ann† (William) 1857.  
 C... Mar., 1866.. Halsey, John H.  
 C... " " .. Halsey, Phebe E. (John H.)  
 C... May, 1866.. Hamilton, Mary  
 C... July, 1864.. Harter, Sarah  
 C... " " .. Harter, Frances A.  
 C... " " .. Harter, Cornelia  
 C... May, 1866.. Hatfield, Charlotte A.  
 C... " " .. Hatfield, Sarah A.  
 P... " " .. Hatfield, Anna J.  
 C... Jan., " .. Hawkes, Mary J.





C... May, 1833... Hayes, Elizabeth  
 C... Nov., 1864... Higgins, Eleanor  
 C... May, 1862... Hicks, Theresa (William T.)  
 C... July, 1857... Holt, Charles  
 C... " " .. Holt, Jane P. (Charles.)  
 C... Mar., 1866... Hopkins, Caroline M.  
 C... Nov., 1854... Howe, Cranston  
 C... " " .. Howe, Sarah M. (Cranston.)  
 C... " " .. Howe, J. Percival  
 C... Mar., 1865... Hubbard, George W.  
 C... " " .. Hubbard, Anna M.  
 C... July, " .. Hubbell, David W.  
 C... " " .. Hubbell, Susan (David W.)  
 P... May, 1866... Hubbell, Carrie A.  
 C... " " .. Hyatt, Abraham C.  
 C... " " .. Hyatt, Caroline E. (Abraham C.)

## I.

C... Nov., 1865... Ingraham, Elvena  
 P... Mar., 1866... Ingraham, Emma C.

## J.

C... Mar., 1866... Jackson, Rebecca  
 C... May, 1863... Jenkins, Emily A.  
 C... " 1865... Jenkins, Eunice\* 1866.  
 P... Mar., 1866... Jenkins, Charles H.  
 C... " 1857... Johnston, Reuben† 1861.  
 C... " 1866... Johnson, Gertrude L.  
 C... " " .. Johnson, Maria L.  
 C... Nov., 1859... Jones, Mrs. Frederick

## K.

C... July, 1867... Kelly, Mrs. Maria  
 C... " " .. Kelly, E. Maria  
 C... " " .. Kelly, A. Dell  
 P... May, 1866... Kendall, Hattie H.  
 C... July, 1857... Kibbe, William B.† 1863.  
 C... " " .. Kibbe, Jane E. (William B.)† 1863.  
 C... Sept., 1865... King, Hannah M. (Henry.)  
 C... " " .. King, Eliza  
 C... Jan., 1866... King, Jane Coddington  
 C... May, 1862... Kingsbury, Harriet  
 C... Nov., 1857... Kinney, Charles N.† 1862.  
 Q... " " .. Kinney, Margaret N. (Charles N.)† 1862.



## L.

C...	Mar., 1855..	Langdon, Amelia*	1861.
C...	Nov., 1854..	Lathrop, George H.†	1856.
C...	"	" ..Lathrop, Cornelia B. (George H.)†	1856.
P...	Mar., 1866..	Letts, DeWitt C.	
C...	"	" ..Letts, Emma J. (DeWitt C.)	
P...	May,	" ..Lewis, Sarah H. (Alfred.)	
P...	"	" ..Lewis, Sheppard P.	
P...	Mar.,	" ..Livingston, S. Otis	
P...	"	" ..Livingston, S. Helen (S. Otis.)	
C...	Jan.,	" ..Loomis, Cornelia E.	
P...	Mar.,	" ..Lovejoy, Frederick W.	
C...	July, 1860..	Luce, Goldsmith	
C...	"	" ..Luce, Clarinda (Goldsmith.)	
P...	May, 1858..	Lyon, Maria	
P...	"	" ..Lyon, Edward	

## M.

C...	Jan., 1866..	Mabie, Levi J.†	1865.
C...	"	" ..Mabie, Sarah (Levi J.)†	1865.
P...	May, 1863..	Mabie, Hauilton W.	
P...	"	1862..Mack, Charles†	1863.
C...	"	" ..Mack, Carrie†	1863.
C...	Mar., 1867..	Mackenzie, George S.	
C...	"	" ..Mackenzie, Charlotte I.	
P...	July, 1864..	Macy, Annie Clark†	1867.
P...	Sept., 1866..	Marden, Mary B.	
P...	May, 1867..	Marshall, Thomas W.	
C...	July,	" ..Mather, George M.	
P...	"	" ..Mather, Sarah E. (George M.)	
C...	Mar., 1861..	McIlvaine, Edward R.	
C...	"	" ..McIlvaine, Maria (Edward R.)	
C...	Nov., 1859..	McMullen, Mary†	1865.
P...	Mar., 1866..	McNeil, Janet W.	
P...	"	" ..McNeil, Mary	
C...	Nov., 1854..	Merrill, John L.†	1858.
C...	July, 1857..	Merrill, Margaret R. (John L.)*	1858.
C...	Nov., 1856..	Miller, Sarah E. N.†	1856.
C...	May, 1865..	Monk, Thomas	
C...	"	" ..Monk, Hannah J. (Thomas)	
C...	"	" ..Monk, Isabella E.	
P...	"	1865..Moody, Samuel	
C...	Nov., 1860..	Moore, Lucretia*	1861.
C...	"	1856..Moss, Harriet N.†	1858.
C...	Jan.,	" ..Mum, William J.	



## N.

C... Jan., 1867.. Neefus, David  
 C... " " .. Neefus, Catharine W. (David.  
 C... " " .. Neefus, Martha W.  
 P... May, 1866.. Neefus, David, Jr.,  
 P... Mar., " .. Neefus, George Lawrence  
 P... May, " .. Neefus, Peter W.  
 C... Nov., 1865.. Newman, Harriet  
 C... " " .. Newman, Emma  
 C... " " .. Newman, Anna† 1867.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Newman, Franklin  
 P... " " .. Newman, Mary Kate  
 C... Sept., 1862.. Newton, Albro J.† 1864.  
 C... " " .. Newton, Delia A. (Albro J.)† 1864.

## O.

P... May, 1858.. Onderdonk, Fanny (wife of C. H. Mather)†  
 1860.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Overton, Emma

## P.

P... May, 1867.. Packer, Eldridge  
 C... Mar., 1867.. Pardee, Ward C.  
 C... " " .. Pardee, Mary E. (Ward C.)  
 C... " 1866.. Parmelee, Ashbel B.† 1866.  
 C... " " .. Parmelee, Carrie F. (Ashbel B.)† 1866.  
 C... " " .. Parmelee, Clara E.† 1866.  
 C... " " .. Parmelee, Morton S.† 1866.  
 C... Nov., 1855.. Parker, Helen T.† 1857.  
 C... Mar., " .. Parker, Julia H.† 1857.  
 C... May, 1862.. Parker, Asa  
 C... " " .. Parker, Mary (Asa)  
 P... July, 1863.. Parker, Annie A.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Parker, Adelia F.  
 C... Nov., 1855.. Payne, John\* 1865.  
 C... " " .. Payne, Mary (John)  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Pearsall, Rachel  
 P... May 1858.. Peckham, Henry M.† 1865.  
 C... " 1857.. Peckham, Susan T.† 1865.  
 P... " 1866.. Peters, Charles  
 C... " " .. Peters, Phebe (Charles)  
 P... " " .. Peters, Phebeanna  
 P... " " .. Peters, Florence  
 P... Mar., 1858.. Phillips, Philip† 1864.  
 P... " " .. Phillips, John† 1864.  
 C... " " .. Platt, Almira



C... Nov., 1865.. Powell, George May  
 C... May, 1858.. Pratt, James H.  
 C... " " .. Pratt, Mary E. (James H.)  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Pratt, John M.  
 C... " 1860.. Pratt, Caroline A.  
 P... " 1866.. Pratt, William T.  
 P... May, " .. Pratt, Emily Brace  
 P... Nov., 1863.. Pratt, Kate C.  
 P... July, 1864.. Pratt, Margaret A. (Joseph)  
 C... " 1863.. Prime, Sarah P.  
 C... Mar., 1866.. Purdy, Alsop  
 C... " " .. Purdy, Sarah P. (Alsop)

## Q.

C... July, 1863.. Qua, Ann C.

## R.

C... May, 1862.. Raymond, Elizabeth\* 1864.  
 C... " " .. Reich, Edelbert  
 C... " " .. Reich, Anna (Edelbert)  
 P... " 1866.. Relyea, Alexander L.  
 C... July, 1859.. Rice, James  
 C... " " .. Rice, Sarah E. (James)  
 P... May, 1866.. Rice, James Jr.,  
 C... Jan., " .. Riggs, Henry S.  
 C... " " .. Riggs, Fanny T.  
 C... " " .. Riggs, Mrs. F. H.  
 C... " " .. Riggs, Pamela Rogers  
 C... May, 1867.. Rogers, Amelia

## S.

C... May, 1867.. Schreiner, Osmond S.  
 C... " " .. Schreiner, Sarah E. (Osmond S.)  
 C... Sept., 1865.. Scott, Sarah M. T.† 1867.  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Seely, Samuel J.  
 P... " " .. Seely, Lydia A. (Samuel J.)  
 P... " " .. Seely, Allie  
 P... " " .. Seely, William L.  
 C... " 1855.. Shaw, Latimer R.  
 C... Nov., 1863.. Skidmore, Hicks  
 C... " " .. Skidmore, Ruth (Hicks.)  
 C... " " .. Skidmore, Charles H.  
 C... " " .. Skidmore, Frances L. (Charles H.)  
 C... Nov., 1856.. Smith, Lyman F.† 1857.  
 C... " " .. Smith, Phebe, (Lyman) 1857.





P...Jan., 1863...Smith, Susan C.  
 P...May, 1867...Smithers, Henry K.  
 C...Nov., 1861...Smithers, Louisa  
 C... " " ...Smithers, Alice  
 C... " " ...Smithers, Jane  
 C...May, 1856...Spencer, Mary A.  
 P... " 1858...Spencer, Hannah  
 P... " 1866...Spink, Erwin I.  
 C...Mar., " ...Spink, Jenny Shepard (Erwin I.)  
 P...May, " ...Spring, Lewis George  
 P... " " ...Spring, Adaline (L. George.)  
 C...Nov., 1865...St. John, Ellen (O. S.)  
 C... " " ...St. John, Ellen A.  
 C... " " ...St. John, Edward  
 C... " " ...St. John, Emily  
 C... " " ...St. John, Kate  
 P...Mar., 1866...Stockton, LaRue P.  
 C...Jan., 1862...Stockton, Amelia (LaRue P.)  
 P...July, 1863...Strong, Maria B. (Myron H.)  
 P...May, 1866...Sullivan, William  
 C...July, 1859...Suydam, Adaline

## T.

C...May, 1857...Taylor, Edward P.  
 C... " " ...Taylor, Frances P. (Edward P.)  
 P... " 1866...Taylor, Mary Amelia  
 C...Jan., 1863...Thorpe, Adaline A.  
 C... " " ...Thorpe, William M.  
 P...May, 1866...Tompkins, Emma T.  
 C... " 1861...Treadway, Frederick† 1865.  
 C...Nov., 1857...Turner, Samuel H.† 1861.  
 C... " " ...Turner, Joanna A. (Samuel H.)† 1861.  
 C...May, 1860...Turner, Charlotte  
 C... " 1859...Turner, Edwin A.† 1860.  
 C... " " ...Turner, Mary (Edwin A.)† 1860.

## U.

P...May, 1866...Uhler, George W.  
 P... " " ...Uhler, Phebe (George W.)  
 C... " 1865...Underhill, Fanny

## V.

C...Jan., 1855...Vanderhoven, George W.  
 C... " " ...Vanderhoven, Elizabeth (George W.)  
 P...Mar., 1858...Vanderhoven, Caroline (Bedell, James W.)



C... July, 1862.. Van Loon, Fanny E.  
 C... Nov., 1854.. Van Tuyl, Andrew  
 C... " " .. Van Tuyl, Kate (Andrew.)  
 C... Jan., 1859.. Van Tuyl, Mary  
 C... " " .. Van Tuyl, Catharine† 1862.  
 C... " " .. Van Tuyl, Mary B.† 1866.  
 P... May, 1866.. Van Tuyl, Alice C.

## W.

P... July, 1863.. Walter, Mary Elizabeth  
 P... Mar., 1857.. Ward, Mary E.  
 C... Jan., 1866.. Waterman, Mrs. Charles  
 C... " " .. Waterman, Charles (son.)  
 C... May, 1867.. Waterman, Lewis R. (son.)  
 C... Mar., 1857.. Watrous, Elias B.† 1860.  
 C... " " .. Watrous, Margaret A. (Elias B.)  
 P... May, 1858.. Watrous, DeWitt  
 P... " " .. Watrous, Laura J.  
 C... " 1865.. Watson, Elizur† 1865.  
 C... " " .. Watson, Phebe M. (Elizur)† 1866.  
 C... " " .. Watson, Amanda† 1866.  
 P... May, 1867.. Watkins, Alice J.  
 C... Jan., 1866.. Wetzel, Caroline J.  
 C... Nov., 1859.. Wheeler, James W.† 1861.  
 C... " " .. Wheeler, Mary S. (James W.)† 1861.  
 C... July, 1864.. Wheeler, Helen R.  
 C... Nov., 1856.. Whitmore, Emily E.  
 C... July, 1867.. Wild, Mrs. Mary S.  
 C... " 1861.. Williams, Loring S.\* 1863.  
 C... " " .. Williams, Mary S. (Loring S.)† 1865.  
 C... Jan., 1866.. Williams, William  
 C... July, 1867.. Wilmot, Cornelia  
 P... Mar., 1866.. Wilson, Jenny M.  
 P... Jan., 1867.. Woodworth, Benjamin  
 P... " " .. Woodworth, Carrie (Benjamin.)  
 P... May, 1863.. Woodruff, Clara D.  
 C... " 1865.. Wykoff, Susan† 1866.

## Y.

C... Sept., 1865.. Young, Martha M.\* 1865.



## Officers of the Society.

### TRUSTEES:

M. E. KINGMAN, JAMES H. PRATT, W. G. DICKINSON,	}	<i>Terms of Office expire</i> <i>April, 1868.</i>
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E. D. GRISWOLD, G. W. HUBBARD, CHARLES PETERS,	}	<i>Terms of Office expire</i> <i>April, 1869.</i>
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W. H. HALLOCK, A. S. FOSTER, A. W. LEWIS,	}	<i>Terms of Office expire</i> <i>April, 1870.</i>
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*President of the Board; . . . . .* MARTIN E. KINGMAN.

*Secretary of the Board, . . . . .* JAMES H. PRATT.

### COMMITTEES:

M. E. KINGMAN, W. H. HALLOCK, J. H. PRATT,	}	<i>Property.</i>	A. S. FOSTER, A. W. LEWIS, W. G. DICKINSON,	}	<i>Finance.</i>
G. W. HUBBARD, E. D. GRISWOLD, CHARLES PETERS,			} <i>Music.</i>		

*Clerk, . . . . .* EDWARD P. TAYLOR

*Treasurer, . . . . .* JAMES H. PRATT.

*Sexton, . . . . .* JOHN E. REICH.

### COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE:

ASA PARKER, GEORGE W. UHLER, WILLIAM T. GREGG,	}	<i>Church.</i>	HENRY GRIFFIN, L. G. SPRING, L. R. STOCKTON,	}	<i>Society.</i>
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### SEATING COMMITTEE:

JAMES H. PRATT.		JOHN M. PRATT.
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# Standing Rules

## OF THE CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

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### I.—TRUSTEES.

The property of this Society shall be vested in a Board of nine Trustees, who shall cause full records of their proceedings to be kept, and report the same at the Annual Meeting, and at any other time when required by the Society. They shall also report the state of their funds, and the sum which may appear to them to be necessary to defray the expenses of the Society for the succeeding year.

### II.—CONTRACTS.

The Trustees shall make no contract, involving an expenditure exceeding two hundred dollars, without the approval of the Society.

### III.—CALLING A PASTOR.

In calling a Pastor, the Church and Society will act as concurrent bodies—the Church nominating its candidate, and the Society confirming or rejecting the nomination—a vote of two-thirds of the members present being necessary to constitute a choice.

### IV.—SUPPLIES FOR THE PULPIT.

Such Committee as may be appointed by the Church to furnish temporary supplies for the pulpit, when necessary, shall be considered a Committee of this Society for that purpose; and the expense of such supplies shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Society, provided the amount of such expense shall not exceed two hundred dollars, without a vote of the Society.





## V.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held on the second Monday in April of every year, for the purpose of choosing a Clerk, hearing the report of the Trustees, filling the yearly vacancies in the Board of Trustees, fixing the rental of pews for the succeeding year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be regularly brought before it.

## VI.—SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings shall be called by the Pastor, or by the Clerk, whenever requested to do so, in writing, by seven members of the Society; or they may be called by the Board of Trustees.

## VII.—NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Public notice of any meeting of the Society, shall be given in the Church, on the Sabbath previous to such meeting.

## VIII.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The usual order of business in the meetings of this Society shall be :

1. The appointment of a Moderator.
2. Prayer.
3. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Unfinished business of previous meetings.
6. New business.

## IX.—VOTERS.

The Pastor, as well as all persons of full age, stately attending Divine Worship in the Church of this Society, and hiring pews or sittings and paying rent regularly therefor, and not in arrears for rent more than six months, shall be entitled to vote in all its proceedings, except in cases where other qualifications are required by law.

## X.—RESOLUTIONS.

No resolution shall be adopted at the same meeting at which it is offered, if objection be made thereto, but it shall be reduced to writing by the mover, and referred to the next meeting, unless the objection be overruled by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.



## XI.—EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES.

No resolution involving the expenditure of money, or any change in the established customs or usages of the Society, shall be adopted, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

## XII.—SUSPENSION OF RULES.

These rules shall not be suspended or dispensed with at any meeting of the Society, except by a vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting.

## XIII.—ALTERATIONS.

No alterations in these rules, nor addition to them, shall be made, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present—such alteration having been proposed at a previous meeting.



## Regulations for Business Meetings.

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When the appointed time for the meeting arrives, the Clerk, (or, if he be absent, some other member,) will call the meeting to order, and a Moderator being nominated, will put the question upon the choice. If the Clerk should be absent, a Clerk *pro tem.* must then be chosen. If the meeting be adjourned to another day, the same officers preside again, for an adjournment is but a continuance of *the same meeting.*

Every motion must be in writing, if required by any member; and, when seconded, must be read by the Moderator or Clerk, and submitted to the consideration of the meeting.

Until a motion is disposed of, all subsequent propositions must be made by way of amendment.

An amendment may go to the exclusion, addition, or substitution of words or sentences; indeed, a motion to amend by striking out all after the words *Resolved*, and substituting an entirely new proposition, *upon the same subject*, is in order.

Until some vote has been taken on a resolution, or an amendment to it, it may be withdrawn by the mover.

*Privileged motions* may be made at any time. Such are the motions to postpone indefinitely; to refer to a committee; to lay on the table (which means to lay aside for the present); to postpone to a future time fixed; and to adjourn. All these motions, except the last, may be debated.

When a member is speaking, no motion can be made but with his consent.

Every member has a right to express his views concerning any motion before the meeting; and while doing so, the Moderator is bound to confine him, in his remarks, to the point under consideration, and also to protect him against all interruption, except to call him to order, if he violate the rules of courtesy or of debate; but after the point of order is adjusted, he has a right to go on to the end of his remarks, unless he shall have been declared out of order.

When several propositions or amendments are before the meeting, the order in which they are to be voted upon is usually the *reverse* of that in which they are offered. If several *sums* are proposed, the *largest* is to be first put to vote; if several *times*, the *longest*; and as to numbers, generally the *largest*.



Before a vote is taken, the question should be clearly stated by the Moderator, so that there may be no misunderstanding. The Moderator then says:—Those in favor of the [*resolution*] will please to say, *Aye*; then—Those opposed to the [*resolution*] will please to say, *No*. Then he declares the result thus:—The [*resolution*] is adopted; *or*, The [*resolution*] is lost.

If any member thinks the Moderator in error as to the vote, he has a right to demand a count immediately; in which case the question must be put again, and the vote carefully counted.

After a question is put to vote, there can be no debate and no new propositions made until the voting is finished.

After a vote is taken, any member who voted in the *majority*, may, during the same meeting, move a reconsideration; and if that motion is adopted, the whole matter stands just as it did before the reconsidered vote was taken.

All decisions of the Moderator are subject to revision by the meeting, on appeal; but no appeal can be allowed except at the same meeting.

When a report is presented it will be placed on file, as of course. A vote to adopt, is an expression of concurrence with the views contained in the report.

When a member has a motion to make, or wishes to speak on a pending motion, he must rise and address himself respectfully to the Moderator.

Any member desiring to make a motion, may preface it with such remarks as explain his design; but with this exception, speaking is out of order, unless some definite proposition has been submitted, and is under consideration.





## By-Laws of the Board of Trustees.

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### I.—OF MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the first Saturday in every month, at such hour and place as may be designated by the President.

### II.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The regular meeting in April (the second Monday,) shall be the Annual Meeting, at which time the Officers for the year and Standing Committees shall be appointed.

### III.—SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings shall be called by the President whenever requested in writing by two members.

### IV.—QUORUM.

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of all the members of the Board; a smaller number, however, may organize, and adjourn the meeting to a future time.

### V.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The usual Order of Business shall be—

- Prayer.
- Reading of the Minutes.
- Presentation of Bills.
- Report of Treasurer.
- Reports of Committees.
- Unfinished Business.
- New Business.



## VI.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Board shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall each be elected by ballot, without nomination, and shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed.

## VII.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committees to consist of three Members each, shall be

- A Committee on Finance,
- A Committee on Property, and
- A Committee on Music.

## VIII.—PRESIDENT.

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board, decide upon all votes and questions of order, to nominate all Committees, give a casting vote when necessary, and call special meetings when required.

## IX.—APPEALS.

In case of an Appeal from any decision of the President, such decision may be reversed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## X.—SECRETARY.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep accurate Records of the proceedings at all Meetings of the Board, certify all Bills when approved, keep a full and particular account of all Moneys received and expended, as reported to him (with the proper vouchers) by the Property Committee and Treasurer; keep and file all documents belonging to the Board, and notify the members of special meetings.

## XI.—TREASURER.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive from the Property Committee, and be responsible for, all moneys collected, to pay all bills when certified by the Secretary as approved by the Board, and report the state of the funds at every Regular Meeting. He shall also furnish to the Secretary a monthly statement of his receipts and disbursements, with vouchers. All fixed salaries, insurance premiums, interest on mortgage, and



gas bills, may be paid when due, without a special vote of the Board, but no other claims.

#### XII.—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The duties of the Finance Committee shall be to receive, examine and report to the Board as to the correctness of all bills and claims; examine and compare the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report thereon; to devise and report on ways and means, and the amount needed to defray necessary expenses.

#### XIII.—COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY.

The duties of the Property Committee shall be to have a general care of the church edifice and other property, rent the pews, collect or cause to be collected the rents therefor, receive donations, take up collections, and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys received, taking his receipt and handing the same, with a statement of items, to the Secretary. They shall exercise a general supervision over the Sexton, and over all matters pertaining to the property of the Society.

#### XIV.—COMMITTEE ON MUSIC.

The duties of the Music Committee shall be to attend to keeping the Organ in repair and in tune, the engagement of Chorister, Organist, &c. (with the approval of the Board), and in general, to all matters pertaining to the Choir—reporting to the Board annually, or oftener if required, with an estimate of the amount necessary to be appropriated to this department.

#### XV.—ALTERATIONS.

These By-Laws shall not be altered or amended, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a Regular Meeting: written notice of such intended alteration having been given at a previous Regular Meeting.



# Digest of the Laws of New York State.

## IN RELATION TO ECCLESIASTICAL ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTIONS, &c.

### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AT THE ORIGINAL FORMATION OF A SOCIETY.

1. Public notice must be given, where the congregation statedly worships, at least fifteen days before the said organization and election, and on two successive Sabbaths.

2. Two members of the congregation, to be nominated by a majority of the members present, shall preside at the election, receive the ballots of the electors, and be the judges of the qualification of such electors; and after the election, they shall certify, under their hands and seals, the names of the persons elected as Trustees, the corporate name adopted, and have the same acknowledged and recorded in the County Clerk's office.

3. All persons of lawful age are entitled to vote.

4. No person who has not statedly worshipped with the congregation, or been considered a member, can vote.

5. Not less than three, or more than nine persons, shall be elected as Trustees.

NOTE.—At the organization of any Society, it is better in all ordinary cases to elect the full number of NINE TRUSTEES, as the statute of this State—New York—makes no provision for any *increase* of the original number although it provides for *reducing* the number to not more than three.

6. A plurality of votes shall decide the election.

### SEAL OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees shall have and use a common Seal, which may be altered or renewed at pleasure.

### POWER OF THE TRUSTEES.

1. They shall take and hold possession of all the property of the Society, both real and personal.

2. In their corporate name they can sue and be sued.





3. They have power to repair and alter their places of worship, and if necessary, to erect a new edifice, and also to purchase or build a dwelling house for the Pastor.

4. They may make rules for managing the temporal affairs of the Society.

5. May dispose of the income of the Society according to their judgment.

6. Shall regulate the prices, and order the renting of pews.

7. Shall appoint a Clerk and Treasurer of the Board, who may be removed at pleasure.

#### MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

Any two of the Trustees shall have power to call a special meeting of the Board.

A majority of the whole number of Trustees only shall have power to attend to business at any meeting lawfully convened.

#### TRUSTEES TO BE DIVIDED INTO CLASSES.

The Trustees first chosen at the organization of any religious Society shall be divided into three classes, to the intent that one-third of the members of the Board shall vacate their offices at the end of each year.

After the first election, all Trustees shall hold their office for the term of three years.

#### NOTICE OF NEW ELECTIONS OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees, or a majority of them, shall, at least one month before the expiration of the office of any of the Trustees, notify the same in writing to the Minister, or in case of his death or absence, to the Deacons, specifying the names of those whose terms will expire; and the said Minister or Deacons shall give fifteen days' notice to the congregation, on two successive Sabbaths, of a new election, which election shall be held at least six days before such vacancies shall occur.

Any two members present, appointed by the Society, may preside at the election.

#### DEATH OF TRUSTEES, REMOVALS, ETC.

All vacancies by death, removal, or refusal to act, shall be filled in the same manner, and with the same public notice given, as at the regular elections.



### VOTERS, AFTER THE ORIGINAL ORGANIZATION OF ANY RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

No person belonging to the Society shall be entitled to vote at any election succeeding the first, until he shall have been a stated attendant on Divine Worship at least *one year* before such election, and shall have contributed to the support of said Society, according to the usages and customs thereof.

The Clerk of the Board of Trustees shall keep a register of the names of the legal voters, and shall at all elections decide upon their qualifications.

### MINISTER'S SALARY.

The Trustees shall not have power to fix upon the sum to be paid the Minister for his support, but the same shall be determined by a majority of legal voters at a meeting to be called for that purpose.

### REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES.

The Society may reduce the number of their Trustees at any Annual Meeting, provided said number be not less than three.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

It shall be lawful for any Society, at its stated Annual Meeting, to alter and fix the time for the next Annual Meeting and election of Trustees.

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